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ICE DEPORTS MURDER CONSPIRATOR AND MEMBER OF IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Denver, CO – A 32 year-old convicted criminal and known member of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) was deported late Wednesday night by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

Ciaran Fearaigh, a convicted felon entered the United States on December 12, 2000 under the Visa Waiver Program. He had been previously convicted in Ireland for conspiracy to murder and possession of firearms with the intent to endanger life,



On November 4, 2003, his application for asylum was denied by an Immigration Judge and was ordered removed from the U.S. for his prior convictions and engagement in terrorist activity through his membership to the IRA.

This May, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals supported the Immigration Judge's ruling to remove Fearaigh's from the U.S. and declined his petition for relief under the Convention Against Torture.

ICE's Field Operations Director Douglas Maurer in Denver applauded the court's decision. "The removal of this individual strongly validates the integrity and legal process of our immigration system," said Maurer. "We will not allow the United States to become a safe haven for those who violate our immigration laws and commit crimes."

Identifying and removing persecutors and human rights violators from the United States is one of ICE's top enforcement priorities. To achieve this goal, ICE created the Human Rights Violators Unit, with a specific mandate to deny safe haven to human rights violators by bringing to bear a full range of investigative techniques and legal authorities to identify, locate, investigate, and remove these human rights violators from the United States.

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